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Filed: August 15, 2000 ✓)

For: PLASMA INDUCED DEPLETION)
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FLUORINATED LOW-K DIELECTRIC)
MATERIALS)

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
No additional fee is required.

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